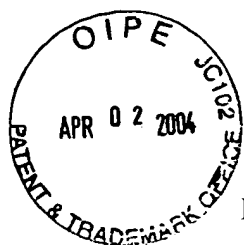


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In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks, for purposes of allowance, or in the alternative, to narrow the issues remaining on Appeal.